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SUBJECT: VISIT OF F.B. KEENAN, U.S. CUSTOMS

PLS PASS KEENAN, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, U.S. CUSTOMS

1. FRANKLIN B. KEENAN, U.S. CUSOTMS, VISITED RANGOON ON JANUARY 14-16. DURING VISIT, KEENAN PAID CALL ON DIRECTOR OF GUB CUSTOMS, U SOE MYINT, WHO WAS PARTICIPANT VIP CUSTOMS OBSERVATION TOUR OF US IN MID-1975. KEENAN GAVE PRESENTATION TO DIRECTOR AND OTHER SENIOR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ON AVAILABLE TRAINING OVERSEAS. PRESENTATION ENHANCED BY LIVELY DISCUSSION OF MUTUAL CUTOMS PROBLEMS AND NEED FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN CUSTOMS SERVICES.

2. FORMAL SESSION FOLLOWED BY SURVEY OF RANGOON PORT ON CUSTOMS PATROL BOAT. DURING CRUISE, DIRECTOR SOE MYINT EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FOLLOWING PROGRAMS: MID-MANAGEMENT COURSE, UP-COMING HONG KONG SEMINAR, MULTI-NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING, AND POSSIBLE SECOND OBSERVATION TOUR FOR HIMSELF, WHICH DIRECTOR SAID MOST ENLIGHTENING, BUT PERHAPS TOO RUSHED. SOME LITERATURE LEFT WITH GUB CUSTOMS AND KEENAN WILL PASS OTHER THROUGH EMBASSY.

3. COMMENT: VISIT MAKRED BY UNUSUAL OPENNESS AND CORDIALITY. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS APPEARED GENUINELY INTERESTED IN PROGRAMS, BUT NOTED ONCE AGAIN PAUCITY OF TRAVEL FUNDS. KEENAN AND EMBOFF REPLIED THEY AWARE OF PROBLEM AND, PROMISING NOTHING, SAID INQUIRIES WOULD BE MADE ON AVAILABILITY OF USG FUNDS.
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